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# Credentials of representatives to the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly

## Report of the Credentials Committee

*Chairman*: Mr. Felipe **Paolillo** (Uruguay)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 12 September 2001, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fifty-sixth session consisting of the following Member States: China, Denmark, Jamaica, Lesotho, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, the United States of America and Uruguay.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 18 December 2001.

3. Mr. Felipe Paolillo was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 14 December 2001 concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly. The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs made a statement relating to the memorandum by the Secretary-General. In that statement, he indicated that, with regard to Afghanistan, the Secretary-General had received an informal communication from the Interim Authority concerning the appointment of the representatives of Afghanistan to the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly. He also stated that, in accordance with the Agreement on provisional arrangements on Afghanistan, pending the re-establishment of permanent government institutions, which was endorsed by the Security Council on 6 December 2001 in its resolution 1383 (2001), the Interim Authority is due to take office on 22 December 2001. As such, formal credentials would be submitted on or after that date.

5. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, and updated in the statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, formal credentials in the form required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly has been received from the following 119 States: Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana,

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Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, China, Congo, Croatia, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

6. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly has been communicated to the Secretary-General, by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 70 Member States: Afghanistan, Albania, Bahrain, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nicaragua, Niger, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Swaziland, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and Yemen.

7. The Chairman proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraph 6 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible:

"*The Credentials Committee*,

"*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the report of the Credentials Committee,

"*Accepts*, the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

8. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

9. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 11). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

## Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee.